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Tesla Ordered to Pay Worker \$137 Million for Racism at Plant (2)

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- Company rarely loses workplace disputes that go to arbitration
 - Owen Diaz's case is unusual as it went to public jury trial
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Tesla Inc. lost a trial with a Black former elevator operator and must pay him \$137 million for having turned a blind eye to racial taunts and offensive graffiti he endured at the electric-car maker's northern California plant, according to the man's lawyer.

Owen Diaz, a former contract worker hired in 2015 through a staffing agency, was subjected to a racially hostile work environment, a federal jury in San Francisco decided Monday, said Lawrence Organ, a lawyer for Diaz. The verdict couldn't immediately be confirmed in electronic court records.

Diaz's case marked a rare instance in which Tesla, which typically ...

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